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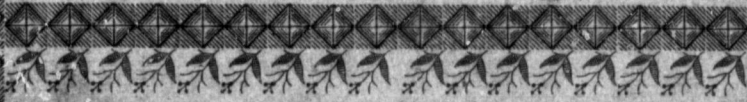
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## CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

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Held at Pickering, Ontario, from the 17th of the Sixth  
Month to the 21st of the same, inclusive, 1887.

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### SIXTH DAY—the 17th of Sixth Month.

1st. By reports from the Quarterly Meetings it appears the following Friends were appointed their representatives in this Meeting :

WEST LAKE—William Valentine, Adam H. Garrett, Allen M. Dorland, Jonathan P. Ward, William Robinson, John Garrett, Arza Wiltsie.

YONGE STREET—Thomas Moore, William V. Richardson, Francis Starr, Thomas J. Rorke, Joseph Dale, William Rogers.

PELHAM—William B. Mason, Adam Spencer, George Pollard and Humphrey S. Haight.

Who were present except four.

2nd. The Caretakers were : from

WEST LAKE—John Garrett, Arza Wiltsie.

YONGE STREET—Edward Cornell, Charles Doan.

PELHAM—George Pollard and Joseph Henderson.

Who were present except one.

3rd. Epistles were received from Western, Iowa and Kansas yearly Meetings. The reading of these tokens

of brotherly love and Christian concern of our dear brethren of those yearly meetings have been comforting and edifying. To prepare, as way shall open, suitable replies and present to a future sitting, the following Friends were appointed, viz.: Thomas Robinson, George Rorke, William Valentine, George Pollard, Arnoldi Haight, James T. Richardson, Francis Starr, Joseph Cody and Royal Rogers.

4th. The Meeting entered upon an examination of the state of society, and read the first and second queries, with answers to them as presented by the Quarterly Meetings.

5th. The Representatives were directed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, to ascertain the condition of the Treasury, and the sum necessary to be raised the present year, and report to a future sitting. They were requested to consider the subject of statistics, and as way shall open propose a solution of the subject.

6th. They were also directed to confer together and propose to next sitting the name of a Friend for Clerk, and one for assistant. Also to propose the name of two Friends as Messengers to the Women's Meeting.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### SEVENTH DAY MORNING—the 18th of the Month.

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

7th. William Valentine, on behalf of the Representatives, proposed the name of Adam Spencer for Clerk, and Arnoldi Haight for Assistant. The nominations were approved, and the Friends named were appointed to the service for one year.

8th. John Pollard and Joseph Henderson were proposed and appointed to serve as messengers to the Women's Meeting.

9th. The Committee which was appointed last year on the subject of correspondence with Ohio Yearly Meeting reported as follows, which was approved by the meeting:

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entering into correspondence with Ohio Yearly Meeting report : Some of our number have attended that meeting and after careful and deliberate consideration were united in recommending that a correspondence be opened with that meeting.

On behalf of the meeting,

THOMAS ROBINSON,  
MARY ANN VALENTINE.

Pickering, the 17th of Sixth Month, 1887.

This meeting recognizes Ohio as a co-ordinate yearly meeting of the Society of Friends, and we accord to them all the rights and privileges that membership in the society confers.

11th. The Committee on Correspondence were directed to prepare an epistle to Ohio Yearly Meeting and present to a future sitting. Joseph Henderson, Allen M. Dorland and William Rorke, were added to said Committee.

12th. Resumed, the examination of the state of Society, and read the remaining queries and answers the etc. A summary whereof is as follows :

#### SUMMARY ANSWERS.

1st. Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, though neglected by a number, more especially in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behaviour to remark except some instances of sleeping.

2nd. With a little exception from one meeting, Friends are preserved in love one towards another. When differences arise care is taken to end them. Tale-bearing and detraction are discouraged, and mostly avoided.

3rd. Friends endeavor to train up their children and those of other Friends under their care, in the principles of the christian religion as professed by us ; but more care is desirable in regard to the plainness and simplicity of dress, language, and deportment which it enjoins, and also in the examples set in these particulars. We believe they do endeavor to guard their children and all others

under their care against corrupt conversation and the reading of pernicious books.

4th. Most Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively.

5th. Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks, excepting for purposes strictly medicinal; and are clear of frequenting taverns, and of attending places of diversion as far as appears.

6th. The circumstances of the poor, and of those who appear to require assistance, are inspected and relief afforded. Their children, and all others under our care, are in a way to be properly educated to fit them for the ordinary duties of life.

7th. Friends are clear of complying with military requisitions, and of paying any fine, or tax instead thereof.

8th. As far as appears, Friends are just in their dealing, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements, and are careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession. When any give occasion for fear on these accounts, they are seasonably labored with for their preservation and recovery.

9th. Care is taken in most cases seasonably, to deal with offenders we trust, in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline.

13th. Meetings for Divine Worship to be held tomorrow at 10 a. m., and 3 p. m.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on second-day morning

SECOND DAY MORNING—the 20th of the month.

The meeting assembled agreeably to adjournment.

#### MINUTE OF ADVICE.

The condition of the body as exhibited by the answer to the queries, caused deep humiliation. The neglect of the attendance of meetings, by reason of the engrossing cares of the world, and the discouragements so prevalent at the present day, was prominent among the deficiencies. Our Saviour, in forewarning his followers of the troubles which awaited them, said, "And because

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iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold," "Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life" was, and remains to be, the reply of the trusting disciple, to the enquiry, "Will ye also go away?" The Apostle Paul, in confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, said: "And that we must, through much tribulation, enter into the Kingdom of God." The Apostle Peter bears testimony "That the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" The trials which the Lord's devoted servants have to endure, are neither new nor strange. May we endure all the crosses that come upon us that through the mercy of God we may be permitted to wear the crown. Let nothing separate us from the love of Christ; and may we manifest our allegiance to the Lord, by diligently assembling ourselves together to render worship and true honor to His worthy name.

We have witnessed the cementing influence of the love of God at this time, and our desires are that we all may faithfully guard against every inlet to suspicious or improper interpretations of the motives or actions one of another, and to see to it, that when we do open our lips it be of right things.

Prevention and care are both necessary to the health of the body. The training of the children in right principles is a powerful antidote to wrong things. The principles of the christian religion as professed by us, are the true principles of the Bible. As they are lived in, and maintained, lead to proper practical results, out of a conformity to the world, and operate as a guard to the love of it. But if parents and guardians do not manifest such results by their example, they fail to exercise an influence for good. The abundance of corrupt literature of the present day are as evil agencies acting upon the minds of the young and others. Many of the publications have such a mixture of the evil with the useful, that it requires a diligent, and discriminate care in providing proper reading for our families. May nothing take the place of a diligent and prayerful reading of the Holy Scriptures

in our families and in private, with times devoted to waiting on the Lord. The care may be more difficult with children in their majority, who reside under the parental roof. Correct examples in these particulars are the most effectual. The duty of rendering proper honor to parents on the part of children, does not lessen with increasing years, but a filial deference to them we believe will be rewarded with the Divine blessing. We are encouraged by the evidence given by a goodly number of the rising generation among us, that they are seeking to know, and endeavoring to serve the God of their Fathers; may all these be encouraged to persevere in the right way of the Lord.

The evils of intemperance continue to be such as to claim our prayerful attention. The proper remedies are the object of careful thought and action. May all Friends persevere in a consistent course, and not be diverted from the plain path of duty by political excitement or other hindering things.

The places and facilities for questionable amusement, seem to be on the increase, and the alluring facinations to take part in them are strong. We desire that all Friends, younger and older, may be guarded against mixing in them to the loss of their Spiritual strength or hurt to their religious life.

Our dealings with our fellowmen serve as opportunities to let our light shine. It is by our actions in these particulars that our characters are chiefly estimated. And when our moral acts are the result of religious life the influence is the more effectual.

Let not the church abate in its care over delinquent members, but "be watchful and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die," that our works may be found more perfect before God.

We have at this time experienced the help of the Lord in transacting the affairs of the Church in His fear and in harmony. May all our subordinate Meetings, and members individually, so look to the Lord in the obedience of faith as to witness the same Divine preservation.

14th. The minutes of the proceedings of the Repre-

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representative Meeting were presented and read. The actions of that body the past years were approved. Their term of office having expired, the following Friends were appointed to consider of and propose, to next sitting, the names of Friends to compose the membership of that body, viz.:—John Garrett, Arza Wiltsie, Royal Rogers, Joseph Henderson, William Valentine, William V. Richardson, George Rorke, James T. Richardson, Francis Starr, William B. Mason, and Nelson I. Chapman.

15th. Whereas, Benjamin Cody, one of the Trustees to this Yearly Meeting's property, has neglected to attend our religious Meetings, the aforesaid committee to propose names for members of the Representative Meeting, are also directed to consider of and propose to next sitting the name of a suitable Friend to be appointed to the office of Trustee, to this Yearly Meeting's property here in Pickering, to fill the vacancy caused by the discharge of the said Benjamin Cody. The action of discharge and election to take place at the session of this Meeting to be held tomorrow, the 21st of sixth month, 1887.

16th. Essays of epistles to Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings were presented by the committee on correspondence which were read and approved.

17th. The Friends appointed last year to receive documents reported that their several portions had been received. They were continued to the service the present year. Their names and address are as follows, viz.:

Thomas Robinson, Shannonville P. O., Ont.  
 Jesse Stover, Norwich P. O., Ont  
 Joseph Cody, Linden Valley P. O., Ont.  
 Joshua N. Richardson, Pikerling P. O., Ont.  
 Thomas J. Rorke, Heathcote P. O., Ont.  
 Francis Starr, Newmarket P. O., Ont.  
 Arza Wiltsie, Farmersville P. O., Ont.  
 William Valentine, Bloomfield P. O., Ont.  
 Jonathan P. Ward, Kingston P. O., Ont.  
 Stephen Roberts, Lerayville, Jefferson Co., N. Y.

18th. Joseph Henderson was appointed to assist the Clerk in procuring the printing of 800 copies of the

minutes of this Meeting, with copies of the epistles received at this time as an appendix, to apportion and forward them to the Monthly Meetings, and to draw upon the Treasurer for funds to meet the expense.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

### THIRD DAY MORNING—the 21st of the month.

The Meeting convened about the time adjourned to. 19th. The committee to propose the names of Friends to constitute the membership of the Representative Meeting presented the following, viz:—Arnoldi Haight, Thomas J. Rorke, Joseph Cody, Joshua N. Richardson, Edward Cornell, Francis Starr, Gilbert Jones, Allen M. Dorland, Adam H. Garrett, Thomas Robinson, Jonathan P. Ward, Arza Wiltsie, Adam Spencer, Harvey H. Haight, Joshua Waring, George Pollard, William B. Mason, and Henry S. Moore.

The nominations were approved, and those Friends appointed to the service for three years. They were directed to meet and organize and attend to such business from time to time as shall claim the consideration of that body.

20th. The subject of the law suit, with all the difficulties in relation to this Meeting's property was referred to the care of the Representative Meeting, with a view to a final settlement.

21st. Pursuant to the action of yesterday (minute fifteen) Benjamin Cody is hereby released and discharged from the office of Trustee to this yearly Meeting's property, and James Thomas Richardson, of the Township of Pickering, in the County of Ontario, in the Province of Ontario, yeoman, was proposed (by the committee appointed for the purpose) to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees, caused by the discharge of Benjamin Cody. The nomination was fully united with by the meeting, and the said James Thomas Richardson was duly appointed to the office of Trustee to this Meeting's property, situate in the Township of Pickering.

22nd. Epistles to Ohio and Kansas Yearly Meetings were produced and read, and with a little amendments

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approved. The Clerk was directed to transcribe and sign them on behalf of this Meeting together with those to Western and Iowa, and to forward them to those Meetings respectively. To prefix to the epistle to Ohio the minute of the recognition of that yearly Meeting as a co-ordinate body, and to append a notice of the recognition of Ohio to those of Western, Iowa, and Kansas yearly Meetings.

23rd. The Representatives report that they have examined the Teacher's accounts with the vouchers and find them correct, with a balance of \$121.59 in favor of the Meeting, and propose that \$100 be raised this year, which was satisfactory to the Meeting. Quarterly Meetings were directed to raise their respective quotas of \$100, and pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

24th. Statistics were reported as follows :

Meetings.	Families.	Parts of Families.	Members.	Children of School age
Yonge-St. . . 1	9	8	62	5
Grey . . . 2	9	7	70	7
Pickering . . 1	13	9	80	14
Pelham . . . 3	26	23	129	13
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Total . . . 7	57	47	341	39

No report from five of the Monthly Meetings.

25th. Subordinate Meetings were requested to furnish statistics, embracing those who have identified themselves with us.

26th. The subject referred from last year, respecting the time of holding West Lake Four Months' Meeting, coming before this meeting it was united in allowing that Meeting to hold its sittings at times as stated in the book of Meetings. Edition 1875.

27th. The committee to assist the Trustees in the care of the College Property are now released.

28th. The Quarterly Meetings have paid their respective quotas of \$100 to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

29th. A small portion of the \$1000 which was last year directed to be paid to Arnoldi Haight being yet un-

paid Meetings which have not remitted their full proportion of said sum are requested to do so.

30th. Pelham reports one First Day School has been regularly held at Norwich until about the 1st of 4th Month, when it was discontinued for want of a place to hold it in.

31st. The Women's Meeting presented the following in relation to First Day Schools, with which we concur. The following Friends were appointed to act in conjunction with a committee of Women Friends on the subject, and report next year, viz. :—Jas. T. Richardson, Francis Starr, Allen M. Dorland, Adam H. Garratt, Joseph Henderson and George Pollard. This Meeting directs that the Superintendent of First Day Schools shall prepare reports of their respective Schools, and forward them each year to the Yearly Meetings' Committee. Said committee to hold a meeting at some time during the Yearly Meeting, and prepare and forward said reports, with a summary of the same, to the Yearly Meeting. Said reports to inform: How many scholars attend? How many are the children of Friends? How many are not? How many Teachers? How many weeks or months schools were kept open? with the average attendance; and whether said schools are conducted according to the good order of our religious society, and are the principles of Friends inculcated therein.

32nd. A meeting for Divine Worship to be held this p. m. at 4 o'clock.

33rd. With gratitude to our Father in Heaven for His special and continued care over us, in enabling us to transact the business of the Meeting with so much harmony and love. We conclude the Meeting, and separate with feelings of fraternal affection, purposing to meet at this place at the appointed time next year, if the Lord permit.

ADAM SPENCER, Clerk.

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## APPENDIX.

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From Western Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Sugar Grove, Hendricks County, Indiana, from the 10th to the 15th of 9th Month, 1886.

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends :*

DEAR FRIENDS AND BRETHREN,—We feel constrained to revive the language : “Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you ; and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also.” It is only as we yield our hearts to the operations of Divine grace, and experience the cleansing power thereof, that we shall be given an evidence of acceptance in the sight of our Father in heaven, and be prepared to be admitted into those mansions.

Oh that we may be so kept in humility in faithfulness and resignation through the various trials which may be permitted to come upon us, that all may redound to the glory of God, and our further establishment.

Let us not be weary in well-doing, but commit the keeping of our souls unto Him as unto a faithful Creator. Then shall we receive strength to do His will, and to witness an overcoming of all opposing things, and be given to realize the fulfilment of the promise : “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the Temple of my God, and he shall go no more out.”

They who are taught in the school of Christ are one in faith. The witness of the spirit of truth in the hearts

of these, meets with a response from each other, and feelings of gratitude arise in their hearts to the Lord of all for this among the many blessings which it has pleased Him to bestow upon those so taught.

We have had satisfactory reports from all our standing committees. The concern for a guarded, religious and literary education of our children seems on the increase amongst us

Our Meeting has been well attended, and in the transaction of the business which has come before it we have been enabled to travel together in unity, and have been made to realize that the Good Master is ever ready to bless his dependent children.

In love we remain your friends.

Signed in and by the direction of the Meeting.

ALBERT MAXWELL, Clerk.

From Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at North Branch, Madison Co., Iowa, by adjournments, from the 30th of 9th Month, to the 5th of 10th Month, inclusive, 1886.

*To Canada Yearly Meeting :*

DEAR FRIENDS,—Being again assembled in our annual gathering we have been enabled through the tender mercies of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd to sit together as it were in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. And in a retrospect of the trials and baptisms which have been meted out to us the cry has been : "They have thrown down Thine altars and slain Thy Prophets with the sword." But by the reading of the epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond we are made to believe that the Lord hath yet reserved unto Himself seven thousand in Israel who have not bowed the knee to Baal,

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or kissed his image, and our prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

Oh that the walls of our Zion may be rebuilt, that her cords may be lengthened and her stakes strengthened. And yet we have remembered that "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it," "Except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain." Then how it behooves us to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

We have at this time the acceptable Company of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and labors of love have been strengthening to us; and may our individual experience be: "As the hart panteth after the water brook, so panteth my soul after Thee, Oh God." Then shall we be enabled to rejoice together as the heart of one man.

We have had much excellent counsel handed forth in our midst, and especially to the dear young people, that they may seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things necessary shall be added.

May the advice handed forth sink deep into their hearts, and bear fruit to the honor and glory of Him who alone is worthy.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

CLARKSON T. PENROSE,  
Clerk this Year.

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At Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Spring River, Cherokee County, Kansas, from the 8th of the 10th month to the 13th of the same, inclusive, 1886.

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends:*

DEAR FRIENDS,—Through the mercies of our Heavenly Father we are again permitted to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and we acknowledge with gratitude the reception of your epistle which we receive as a token of love and fellowship, which we desire may be cherished

and perpetuated among us, and it is truly comforting to be thus brought near together by these brotherly communications.

We have been afresh baptized into a sense that "One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren," and without him we can do nothing. May the little remnant that have gathered around this fundamental principal of the gospel be faithful in upholding it to the world

As our deficiencies have been brought before us by the reading of the queries and answers we have been humiliated under a sense of our shortcomings, and the cry has gone up to Him who has been touched with a feeling of our infirmities for help.

And earnest have been our desires that the church may dwell upon the watch tower, lest the enemy of all good, who is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, make inroads upon us. Satan desires to have us that he may sift us as wheat, and we are assured that there is no safe abiding place but in humility. Keep low, keep quiet, mind our particular calling, our inward condition, and feel the Lord inwardly as the rock and sanctuary where none can make afraid.

The strength of the body depends upon the soundness of the individual members, if one suffers the whole body suffers with it. Therefore let all live in a spirit of submission, each preparing another unto himself. "Whosoever would be chief among you let him be servant of all."

And now, in conclusion, may we be firmly and truly bound together in the good cause as we have ever received it from the beginning, and be perfectly knit together in the same mind, and in the same judgment, even though we be left as a little remnant, and as a spectacle to the world.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the meeting aforesaid.

CYRUS W. HARVEY, Clerk.

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## CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS.

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At Canada Yearly Meetings of Women Friends held by  
adjournments at Pickering, Ont., from the 17th of 6th  
month to the 21st of the same, inclusive, 1887.

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The Assistant Clerk being absent the Representatives  
brought forward the name of Rachael W. Haight, which  
being united with she is appointed for the day.

The Representatives being called are present except  
three. A satisfactory reason assigned for the absence of  
one. No reason given on acct. of the other two. They  
were from

PELHAM—Anna H. Moore, Sarah G. Haight and Mary  
Pollard.

FOR YONGE-STREET — Mary Rogers, Rachael W.  
Haight, Lydia Moore, Hannah Brown, Mary C. Starr,  
Elizabeth Richardson and Lizzie Rorke.

FROM WEST LAKE—Mary Ann Valentine, Abigail  
Garratt, Phebe Dorland, Sarah Leavens, Rhoda Garratt,  
Levina Merills, Mary E. Jones and Sarah A. Wood.

The names of the Caretakers being called are present  
except two. No reason assigned for their absence. They  
were for

PELHAM—Elizabeth Waring and Sarah Jane Stringham.

FOR YONGE STREET—Elizabeth Moore and Mary  
Ann Richardson.

FOR WEST LAKE—Rebecca Haight, Phebe Jane  
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Epistles from Western, Iowa and Kansas have been received and read, and bore living evidence that they were written under the anointing of the Master and the witness within us responded thereto. We also received a few lines from the little remnant located at the Northwest, which is living evidence that the Lord is still gracious, and condescend to the low estate of his devoted children everywhere.

Our hearts were comforted and cheered in the readings of these epistles, coming as they do from those who are one with us in fellowship, and have partaken in some degree of the same cups of suffering.

We appoint Mary Ann Valentine, sen., Mary Ann Richardson, Levina Merrills, Mary C. Starr, Mary J. Rogers, Hannah Brown, Rachel W. Haight, Esther Cody, Jane Cronk, Margaret Brown and Mary Ann Valentine, Jr., to meet at the rise of this meeting, and afterwards by adjournments to prepare essays of epistles in reply to those received.

We appoint Anna H. Moore, Sarah C. Richardson and Jane Cronk to receive funds and audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

We appoint Elizabeth Richardson, Esther Cody, Sarah Leavens and Mary Pollard to prepare a summary from the Ans., and produce at our next meeting.

The Representatives are requested to confer together on the subject of Clerks and bring forward names of persons to serve for one year.

The spirit of prayer being largely conferred upon us at this time, and a covering of quietness, peace and assurance rested over us, accompanied by a sense of the Lord's goodness and mercy to usward, and love and unity our portion under this covering we adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock a. m.

#### SEVENTH DAY MORNING—6th month 18th.

Friends met near the hour adjourned to.

Mary Ann Valentine reported on behalf of the representatives that they were united in bringing forward the name of Eliza H. Verney for Clerk, and of Rachel W.

Haight for assistant, with which this meeting unites, and they are appointed to that service for one year.

The Friends appointed to prepare a summary from the answers sent up from the different quarters have produced one.

The queries with their answers have been read at this time. A summary whereof is as follows :

- 1st. Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline. One Meeting says mid-week Meetings not so well attended. The hour nearly observed. No unbecoming behaviour to remark.
- 2nd. Friends are preserved in love one towards another. We know of no differences requiring care. Tale-bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged.
- 3rd. We believe most Friends do endeavor to train up their children, and those of other Friends under their care in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us. In dress and language some deviations are apparent. Most Friends are good examples themselves, and endeavor to guard their children and all others under their care against corrupt conversation and pernicious reading. Friends are desired to exercise more care in these respects.
- 4th. We believe most Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively.
- 5th. Friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal. One Meeting says not quite clear of attending places of diversion.
- 6th. The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded. They all have suitable employments. We know of no children but are likely to be properly educated for the ordinary duties of life.
- 7th. Friends are clear of complying with military requisitions or paying any fine or tax instead thereof.
- 8th. Friends are just in their dealings, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements and careful to conduct their business, as becomes our religious profession. We know of none who give occasion for fear on those accounts.
- 9th. A care rests with Friends to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline.

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The committee on correspondence reported they are united in recommending that a correspondence be opened with Ohio Yearly Meeting, with which this Meeting unites, and our Epistle Committee are requested to prepare an essay for that Meeting, as best wisdom may direct. Thankfulness has been expressed that another link has been added to our little band of Meetings, and a desire arisen that the Lord's blessing may rest upon this union. The following is the Committee's report :

The Committee to consider the propriety of entering into correspondence with Ohio Yearly Meeting report. Some of our members have attended that meeting, and after careful and deliberate consideration, we are united in recommending that a correspondence be opened with that Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS ROBINSON.  
MARY ANN VALENTINE.

This meeting adjourns to meet on Second Day morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY MORNING—6th Month, 20th.

Friends convened near the hour adjourned to. The committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts report as follows :—

*To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends :*

We, your committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts have examined them and found them correct :—

DR.           6th Mo., 15th, 1887.

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$ 39 58
Cash from West Lake Quarter.....	12 50
Cash from Norwich Quarter.....	4 25
Cash from Yonge St. Quarter.....	13 90
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Total.....	\$ 70 23

## EXPENDITURES.

CR. By Cash 6th Mo., 22nd, 1886.

Paid to Committee.....	\$ 17 50
Paid Lydia P. Stover, for printing.....	5 00
Postage.....	20
To assist a Friend to Yearly Meeting.....	4 00
Total.....	<u>\$26 70</u>

Total Receipts.....	\$ 70 23
Expenditures.....	<u>26 70</u>

Balance on hand..... \$43 53  
On behalf of the Committee.

JANE CRONK.

The report is satisfactory to the meeting.

This meeting appoints Rachel W. Haight to act as Treasurer the ensuing year.

We appoint Elizabeth Richardson and Rachel W. Haight to speak to Men Friends in regard to printing Women's Minutes as they go from this meeting.

The Epistle Committee produced essays for Western, Kansas, Ohio and the little company of members at Manitoba, which were read and adopted. The Clerk is requested to sign and forward to their respective Meetings; and we can but acknowledge that the committee have been appointed and qualified of the Master for this service.

The report of the Representative Meeting was received and read and was satisfactory to us.

This Meeting adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD DAY MORNING—6th Mo., 21st, 1887.

Friends met near the hour adjourned to.

Only one report has been received at this time from the First Day Schools.

The committee having charge of First Day School at Norwich report:—"That they have been regularly held and orderly conducted, according to Friends' Principles,

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with an average attendance of 20 scholars and four teachers, but has been discontinued since the first of 4th month for the want of a room."

Taken from the minutes.

MARY POLLARD, Clerk of Committee.

The report from Yonge St. failed to reach us.

This Meeting directs that the Superintendent of each First Day School shall make out a report of their Schools and send them yearly to the Yearly Meetings Committee, who shall prepare and forward them to the Yearly Meeting. Said committee to meet on \_\_\_\_\_ evening or afternoon during the holding of the Yearly Meeting. Said report to inform : How many Scholars attend ? How many are Friends' children ? How many are children of others ? How many Teachers ? How many weeks or months the schools are kept open ? Average attendance at such schools, and whether they are kept after the good order of our Society, and the principles of Friends taught therein.

We appoint the following Friends to that service :—  
Louisa J. Richardson, Mary C. Starr, Esther Codey, Hannah Brown, Anna H. Moore, Sarah Jane Stringham, Sarah Haight, Mary Pollard, Abigail Garratt, Jane Cronk, Matilda Branscombe and Margaret Ward, in conjunction with men Friends to serve one year, men Friends approving thereof.

An essay for Iowa was produced by the Epistle Committee. It was read and adopted, and the Clerk directed to sign and forward.

We appoint Mary C. Starr and Elizabeth Richardson to enquire if any of our Women Friends need assistance that are in attendance at this time ; also to draw all requisite funds from the Treasurer to defray all necessary expenses, and report next year.

The Monthly Meetings are requested to continue their committees of two or more friends to solicit funds to defray all necessary expenses, and those unable to help themselves. They are also requested to send up on the report the names of Monthly Meetings, and the amount

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sent up by each, which the Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to this Meeting.

Men friends inform that this Meeting is united in allowing West Lake Four Months' Meeting to hold its sittings at the time stated in the "Book of Meetings" for Canada.

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During the holding of this Yearly Meeting much pertinent counsel was handed forth, and all were encouraged to faithfulness in their allotted places that they may be found doing the will of our Father in Heaven, remembering man looketh upon the outward appearance, but God looketh upon the heart. Therefore we desire that our hearts may be cleansed and purified, mete for the Master's use—a fit receptacle for His Holy Spirit to dwell in. May we walk in the light as He is in the light, having fellowship one with another, "And the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." If our hearts are not right in the Sight of God vain is our profession; neither should we be found looking unto man, but unto God from whom our help cometh, for vain is the help of man. "If we love not our brother whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen." The promise is, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." May we know of an earnest desire to be fed with the "Bread of Life," and not be found feeding, as the poor prodigal was, in a foreign land on the husks which the swine did eat. May we draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto us, and He will provide that Bread which alone can satisfy the hungry soul. May we be found seeking after that sustenance day by day, that will enable us to grow up as trees of the Lord's own right hand planting each heart, having that hope within them which is an anchor to the soul. May we lift up our heads in hope, for our sufficiency is not of ourselves but of God, who hath said, "My grace is sufficient for thee." If we are faithful unto the end He will give us an abundant entrance into his Kingdom. May we cast all our care on Him who first cared for us, and trust in Him in

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every time of trouble, for the promise remains to be the same, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee." It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps aright, for "The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord." Except we take up the cross and obey Him we need never expect to win the crown. The command to one formerly was, to "Sell all that thou hast and give to the poor, and come follow me," which evidently meaneth that which standeth between us and our God, and separates between us and Him.

May we ever follow Him who is the teacher of His own people, who will lead out of all error, and into all truth.

This meeting now concludes to meet again at the usual time next year, as the Lord may open the way therefor.

Signed on behalf of this Meeting.

ELIZA H. VARNEY, Clerk.

## APPENDIX.

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From Iowa Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at North Branch, Madison Co., Iowa, from the 30th of 9th Month to the 5th of 10th Month, 1886.

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends :*

DEAR SISTERS,—The reading of your acceptable epistle at this time has brought you afresh to our remembrance, we trust in a measure of that love which knows no bounds with living desires that you with us may be enabled to persevere in the straight and narrow way that leadeth to eternal life.

We have had again renewedly to feel that the Lord has not forgotten to be gracious to his little, dependent children, but has condescended in His love and mercy to comfort our hearts, uniting us together in the love of the Gospel, encouraging us to press forward for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus, under a sense of our weakness and inability of ourselves to do any good thing.

We feel there never was more need for Friends everywhere to seek to be clothed with the whole armour of God, that we may be able to detect the wiles of the enemy, who is still going about seeking whom he may devour.

We have had the company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and labors of love have been truly strengthening.

Much pertinent counsel has been handed forth, inviting us to more diligence, more devotedness and deep indwelling, where the voice of the true Shepherd can be distinctly heard. Our dear young sisters have been again

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Dear sisters, we truly feel we can salute you with love unfeigned, fervently desiring your prosperity in the ever blessed truth.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

DEBORAH STANDING, Clerk.

From the few Friends in the North West to the Yearly Meeting at Pickering.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Our hearts were truly melted in contrition before the Lord, while reading your loving salutation of last year.

We feel thankful to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings he has been pleased to bestow upon us, and we feel this another evidence that we are still remembered here in this distant land.

We do indeed feel our loneliness in being so far separated from our dear Friends with whom we have so often assembled, and under whose sweet counsel we have been refreshed and encouraged.

But while we cannot see your loving faces, we thankfully realize that neither time nor distance can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We hold our little Meeting here in much weakness, humbly trusting in Him who hath said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

We have earnestly desired, that he who brought our forefathers out, and established them in the ever blessed truth, would be with and round about us.

And our prayers have also been raised that the feet of some of the Lord's anointed messengers may be directed to our part of the land.

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

We have realized that he who watches over the sparrows has been with his trusting ones through the deep conflict which this land has been threatened with.

And unto him who is able to keep us, guide, direct, and protect, would we ascribe all the praise.

FROM JANE BONESTEEL AND OTHERS.

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From Kansas Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Spring River, Kansas, from the 8th of 10th Month to the 13th, inclusive, 1886.

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:*

DEAR SISTERS,—Having been permitted through the mercies of our kind Heavenly Father, whose care is extended over all His works, to be drawn together in this our annual assembly. We have been comforted and refreshed by the reading of your acceptable epistle with others from the Yearly Meetings which we correspond, thus strengthening the bonds of fellowship and encouraging our hearts to press on hopefully, though deficiencies are apparent and our numbers small. Petitions have been put up both vocally and in secret to Him who heareth prayer that He would condescend to hear and bless us, feeling that without His help vain will be all our efforts to promote the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth. And we do accept these messages of love from our distant friends as an evidence of the Lord's loving kindness towards us poor bewildered and backsliding people, who a few year's back were scattered here and there in corners and isolated places, so no direct communication passed amongst us. Yea, was not fear on every hand, and none on earth to look to.

Whose work was it thus to gather into one those who were scattered as upon the dark mountains but Him who hath said bring my sons from far and my daughters from

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the ends of the earth? We are brought with reverence to acknowledge this is the Lord's doings and marvellous in our eyes. Unto Him be all praise and glory ascribed.

Let us, dear sisters, both older and younger, be afresh animated to make a full surrender of all we have and all we are to so gracious a Master. He is everlastingly worthy to be served, obeyed and loved. His call is extended to all, "Give Me thy heart."

And hath He not promised to His faithful ones, I will not leave you comfortless, but He will come and take up His abode with us if we are willing to receive Him by His Spirit in our hearts to lead and direct us into all truth.

Thus we shall be joined to Him and to each other in the covenant of life everlasting, to which we commend both you and us.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the meeting,

MARTHA L. PICKETT, Clerk.

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From Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Sugar Grove, Hendricks Co., Indiana, from the 10th of 9th month to the 15th of the same inclusive, 1886.

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:*

DEAR SISTER,—We have once more been permitted to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and our hearts have been humbled in feeling the presence of the dear Saviour, who has condescended, we reverently believe, to meet with us in the breaking of bread to the satisfying of hungry souls.

Your acceptable epistle, as well as those received from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, was grateful to our feelings, reminding us that we are united as members of one family, children of one loving Father. May we ever cherish the spirit of love, which is the foundation of our profession.

In proportion as we are thus bound together, and stand united on the one foundation, Christ Jesus, shall we wage

a successful war against sin. In the love of God found their strength and union.

We feel our many weaknesses and short-comings, yet we desire that the remnants of our scattered society may be an earnest living, willing people, in the day of His power, humbling ourselves at his feet, waiting to hear the gracious words that proceed out of His mouth, for he hath promised to teach His people Himself, and His promises are sure.

Mary sat still in the house. In this condition there was brought to her a call—"The Master is come and calleth for thee"—then there was no holding back, she went at once to Jesus.

We rejoice to believe that there are Marys amongst our younger sisters, who have heard with more or less distinctness, and hearkened more or less to the call.

We would encourage mothers to lay their little children at the feet of Jesus, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." Instil into their tender minds a love of their Creator, and make the fear of God the beginning of their knowledge.

And for those mothers amongst you and us, who have not yet seen the travail of our souls perfected in our children, whose labors have seemed as the seeds carried away by the fowls of the air, we would speak words of encouragement, that we may always pray and not faint, for, next to the love of Christ, the labors and prayers of a devoted mother may be the means of rescuing dear ones from destruction.

Desiring that we may all be made partakers of a crystal fountain of waters issuing from under the threshold of his house, uniting, binding up, and filling our hearts with joy, we bid you farewell.

SARAH ANN JOHNSON, Clerk.



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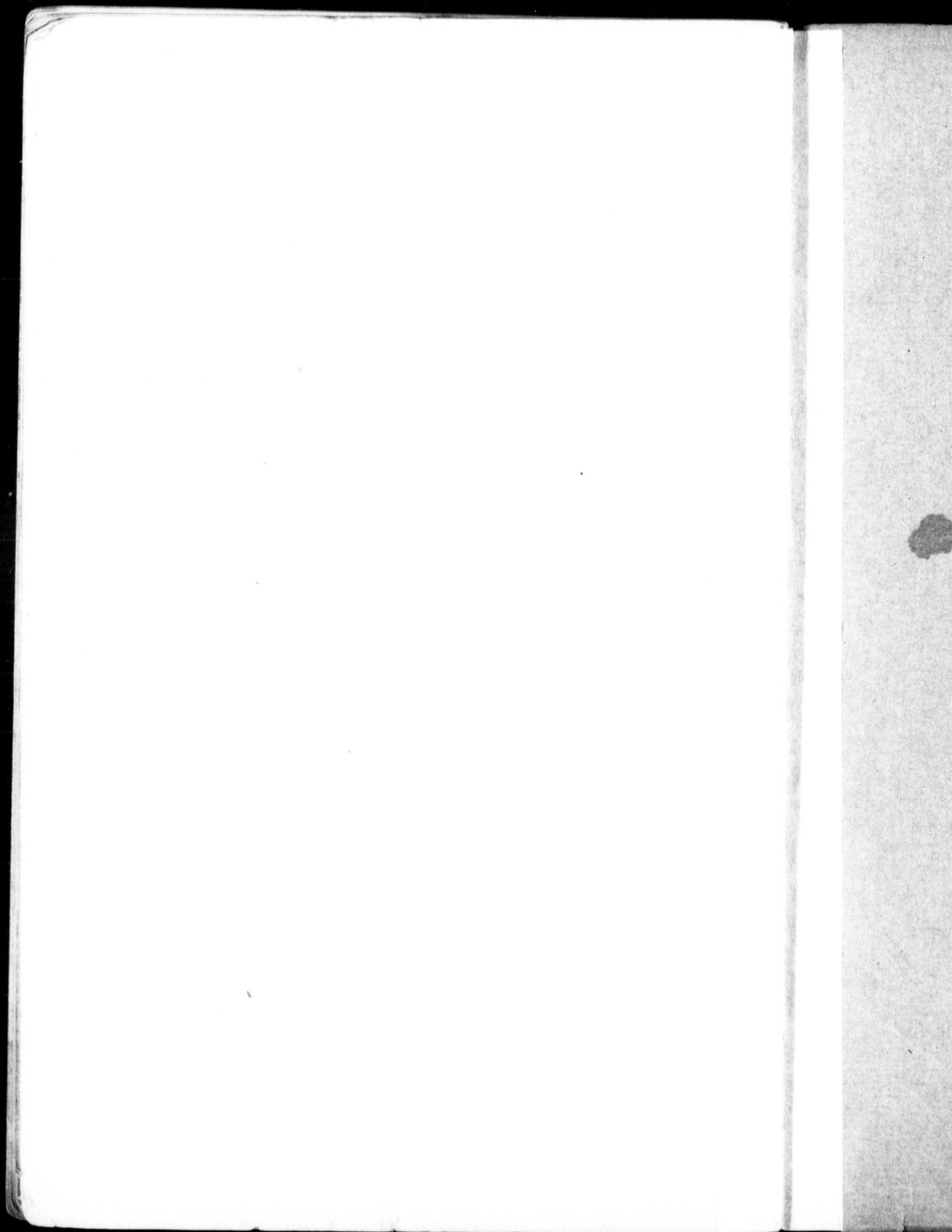
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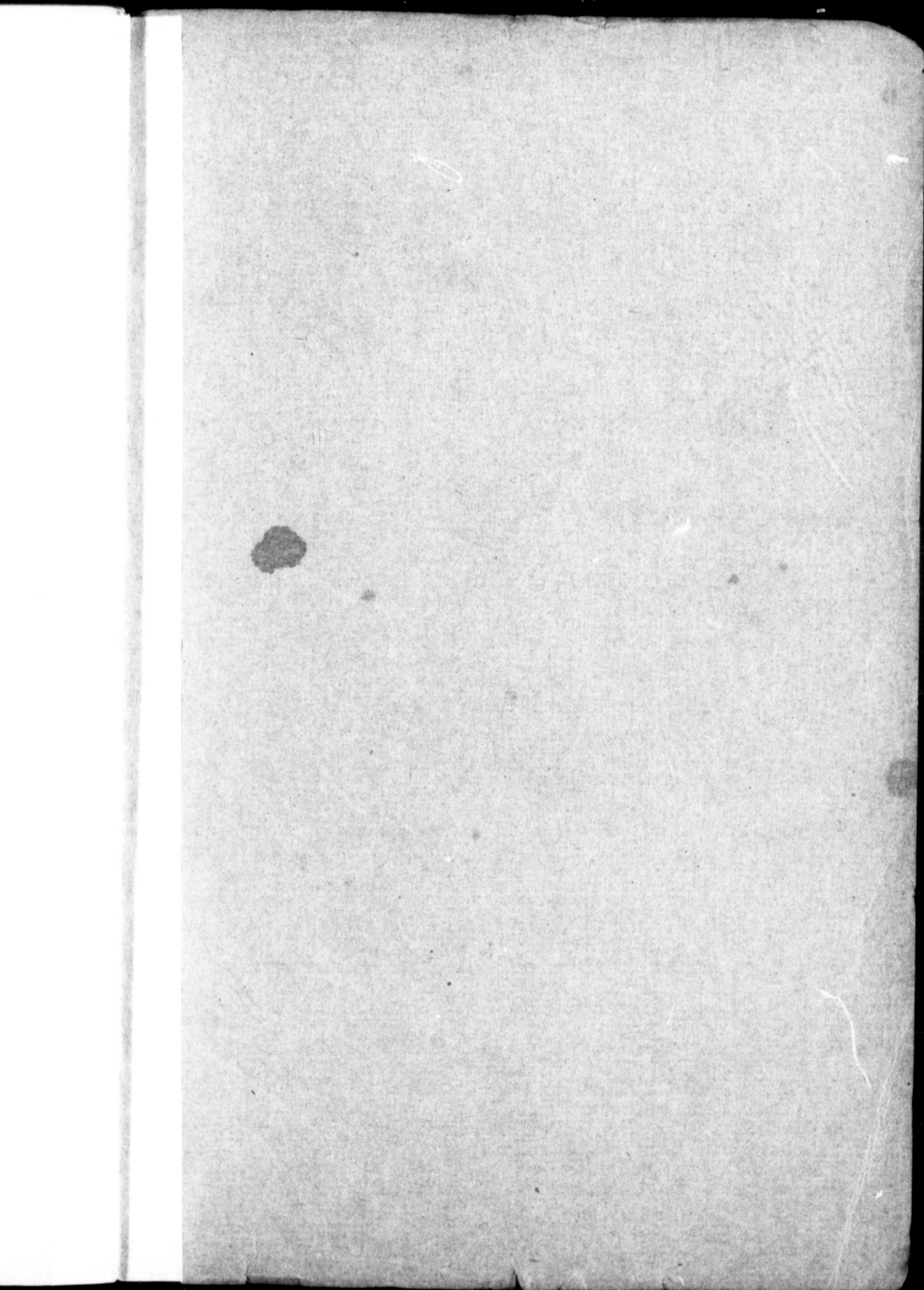
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CALENDAR FOR 1888.



**Meetings will be Held as follows :**

- YEARLY MEETING FOR DISCIPLINE—**  
The last Sixth Day but one in Sixth Month,  
at 10 a. m.
- YEARLY MEETING OF MINISTERS & ELDERS—**  
Fifth Day of the Week, at 2 p. m.
- YEARLY MEETING FOR DIVINE WORSHIP—**  
First Day of the Week, at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.
- REPRESENTATIVE MEETING—**  
Fifth Day of the Week at 4 p. m.
- MEETINGS FOR DISCIPLINE—**  
Subject to adjournment during meeting time.